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IT MAKES US FEEL BAD when we hear someone slander a group or a community. I heard a man say that such generalizations are infantile—although I wondered about accepting the word "infantile" in this respect.

Not long afterwards a howling blizzard came down across Lake Michigan from the northeast and buried our part of Wisconsin under so much snow that the schools were closed for two days.

AFTER WE HAD FINISHED shoveling the snow from the walks, David started looking for his sled. He searched the yard, the garage, the cellar, the alley and every place where he thought that it might be. The sled was gone.

Someone said, "Your sled has b stolen, David."

"No," said David, "I know tha hasn't been stolen, because the pe who live in this city are not like that!"

WE WERE PLEASED to hear that good opinion of his fellow citizens so well founded that he stood up in t defense when he might have been tem to think evil of them.

When the snow melted, the sled found in a corner of the garden.

David was sure that the people every bit as honest as he had given t credit for being.

—GEORGE B. McCREA

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ER PICTURE. Books about Martin Luther attracted special attention at United Lutheran cation House display at Toronto convention. ULPH Sales Manager William Pepper s recent volume to attractive convention visitor, Miss Sharon Alexander of Kansas City.

THE CHURCH IN THE NEW

Letter comes from Mackensen

First word from Paul Mackensen since he was imprisoned by Chinese Communists in Tsingtao 32 months ago was received by his parents in Baltimore on Oct. 26. "I am well and sound of body, mind, and spirit—which news from me personally should put an end to any undue worries you may have had," wrote the young Lutheran missionary.

American diplomats, negotiating with Chinese Reds in Geneva in June, received a promise that letters might be sent to prisoners through the Red Cross in Peiping. Missionary Mackensen's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul J. Mackensen, Sr., of Baltimore, wrote on June 16. The letter had been received, the Mackensens were assured by their son in a reply dated Aug. 11.

The 29-year-old missionary gave no information about his imprisonment, but congratulated his parents on their fortieth wedding anniversary which they observed Aug. 5. "May God continue to bless you, Mother and Dad," the prisoner wrote.

"Let Psalm 23 be the close of my message," the letter concluded. "Until the next time, much, much love. PAUL."

Last Lutherans

Four missionaries of the United Lutheran Church stayed in Tsingtao when Communists captured the big Chinese city in 1949. Three left China in 1950 and 1951. Late in 1950 Mr. Mack requested an exit visa but did not He was arrested March 7, 1952, anti-American "germ warfare" ganda was being agitated in China

European Lutheran missionari maining in Red China have been re one by one since 1950. Most rec gain freedom was the Rev. Paiv viainen of Finland, who reached Kong early this year. No word has regarding Miss Ellen Nielsen of th ish Mission Society who had b Manchuria. Until Oct. 26 there v direct word from Missionary Mack although other prisoners releas Tsingtao reported that he was there.

After American and Chinese dip discussed the prisoner situation in G in June, six Americans—includin Roman Catholic missionaries—we mitted to leave China. They ha been in prison but had been refus visas. Chinese acknowledged in that they are still holding 30 Am (mostly missionaries) in jail.

Crack-down on comic books

Crusades which church groups l against crime and horror "comic in scores of U.S. communities we ducing results this month.

In Youngstown, Ohio, the city cil enacted an ordinance imposin fines on sellers of objectionable Men of St. Luke's Lutheran Chur brought the council an anti-comi petition signed by 215 members congregation. Sixty-eight publi were promptly withdrawn from sal about 75 more to go later.

"Whole-hearted co-operation" ha

y Protestant and Jewish groups,
man Catholic Bishop Alexander
ski in a Detroit campaign to purge
nds. The Detroit druggists' asso-
agreed to urge its members to
ling the disapproved books.
Moines pharmacists voted "imme-
to clear the racks of all objection-
mics of the weird, horror, and sex
after an appeal from a Roman
women's group.

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Oct. 28 by Charles F. Murphy.
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e and unnecessary knife and gun
ysical agony, gory and gruesome
" It requires that "if crime is
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m," and states that "females shall
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any physical quality."
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phasize the value of the home and
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"Passion or romantic interest
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is accused of being a major fac-
uvenile delinquency. In reply to
criticism, publishers have selected
rphy, formerly a New York City
ate, to police their books.

Farmers are generous

From 800 families in four counties of Washington, five carloads of wheat were contributed to the All-Lutheran Food Appeal. As the autumn harvests came in, farmers across the Midwest were also giving generously for needy people overseas. "In large numbers, they have shown themselves ready and eager to share the produce of their farms with the hungry," said the Rev. Ove R. Nielsen.

Mr. Nielsen, director of the food appeal, said commodities and cash contributed by the end of October totaled more than $100,000. Wheat and corn, plus cotton and rice from Texas, will be shipped to Germany, Austria, Korea, Hong Kong, and Jordan. Churches of the National Lutheran Council are cooperating with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in making the collection.

Country churches are important

High tide of immigration of Lutherans to America from Europe came while there was still plenty of farm land available, Dr. E. W. Mueller emphasized at the Lutheran home missions conference in Decorah, Iowa, Oct. 27-28. Result was that Lutheran churches between 1880 and 1905 were firmly established in country districts.

The church must not forfeit this "God-given advantage," said Dr. Mueller. There are still more than 10,000 U.S. Lutheran congregations in the open country or in towns of less than 5,000 population. Country churches won't survive, said Dr. Mueller, if there is an attitude that they can get along with second-rate leadership, or that lack of a pastor in a rural parish "is not too serious."

It would be ironical, said Dr. Mueller, if "the advantage the Lutheran Church gained in a day when there was very little planning" would be thrown away at a time when church leaders are intensively

engaged in a long-range planning of mission programs.

Decline in rural population makes it difficult for country churches to gain in membership. "It does not take a strong church to show a gain in an area where the population doubles itself in ten years," said Dr. Mueller. "But to show a gain in an area where the population is stable or declining requires real strength and a good program of evangelism."

Retreat from the country

"Population is not leaving the rural areas half as fast as the church is," Dr. Herbert E. Stotts told a town-and-country conference sponsored by the National Council of Churches in Salina, Kansas.

"We tend to give up our rural churches at a more rapid rate than the population decrease." In all parts of the U.S. there are rural areas without churches, Dr. Stotts said.

Farms decline when farmers become spiritually careless, said Congressman Clifford R. Hope. "No man can be careful of his soul and at the same time careless of his land. The strength of the rural church and the good it has done," said Mr. Hope, "is tied directly to the land.

"A farmer who loves the land will use h s profit to enrich it, and also will enrich tl s lives of others who enjoy the abundance it produces," said Mr. Hope. "A man who acts rightly toward the earth is more likely to act rightly toward his neighbor." Good farmers strengthen the moral fabric of the nation because they are "closer to nature and closer to God."

Experiments in architecture

There will be many more churches in new styles of architecture, predicted the Rev. C. Harry Atkinson. Reasons are: 1) Young architects are being trained in the contemporary rather than classical style. 2) A wealth of new building materials and construction methods i available.

3) Today's churches are design meeting-places, not "as huge ments." 4) Architects are eager to a church architecture "reflecting A can democracy and religious enthus 5) Cost of older-style buildings, ularly Gothic, is "prohibitive."

Half of the money spent in n church buildings is used for educ facilities, said Mr. Atkinson, speak Chicago at a conference on Christia cation and church building.

EXPERIMENT IN TORONTO

An egg-shaped church was built Hilda's parish (Anglican) in T The rector, Rev. A. J. Jackson, the church to be distinctively Ca he said. "If anything is native Canadian country, it is an igloo."

Reds let up on churches

Communists still preach agai ligion but have toned down thei ment of the churches in satellite tries of eastern Europe, a Reut porter believes. In Vienna he h incidents which indicate a turn tide, particularly in the attitude the Orthodox churches.

When people in a Bulgarian vil fused to work on a religious holi

unist party secretary had the beard shaved off. This insult was t to the attention of the Bulgarian minister, Vulko Chervenkov, and rty secretary drew a jail sentence.

omania in September, a delegation ders of the Russian Orthodox n was welcomed in Bucharest. At ic ceremony official honors were d not only to dignitaries of the lox Church (who got the star of manian People's Republic, second but to Roman Catholic and Prot- leaders also.

n officials of the Syrian Orthodox n stopped in Romania on the way from a visit to Moscow, they were d by the president of Romania, Groza.

on in Yugoslavia

e Serbian Orthodox Church would et and not interfere in politics, it get along all right in Yugoslavia, ment officials asserted. (The Ser- Church enrolls 47 per cent of the Yugoslav population.) But the 71-year-old archbishop, Metropolitan Arsenije, had to be found guilty of plotting "to overthrow the existing regime." In July he was sentenced to 11 years in jail.

At Evanston, Illinois, during the World Council of Churches Assembly, Bishop Dionisije of the Serbian Eastern Orthodox Church in the United States and Canada provided delegates with a statement of grievances against the Yugoslav government, including detailed instances of persecution of Serbian Church clergy.

The statement was "full of lies," said the president of the Yugoslav government's commission on religious affairs, Dobrivoje Radosavljevic. Why didn't Serbian Church leaders in Yugoslavia say the statement circulated in Evanston was untrue, the government official asked. But the Serb leaders merely said they had not authorized Bishop Dionisije to circulate his statement.

The government-sponsored association of patriotic priests had been scheduled

RELIGIOUS QUESTIONS ON TV IN MINNESOTA

Meeting" program in St. Paul presents seven Greek Orthodox, Jewish, and tant clergymen in weekly discussion. One is Lutheran Pastor Clifford A. Nelson

to hold its first nation-wide conference Oct. 21, but the meeting was cancelled.

Catholic question at Columbia

People who planned Columbia University's 200th anniversary program hadn't expected to provide an occasion for hot argument on whether the Roman Catholic Church is an asset in Latin America. Scholarly papers to be read on "Responsible Freedom in the Americas" weren't intended to be as specific as they turned out to be.

From Cuba came a noted writer, Jorge Manach, who announced that "in Latin America the acquiescence and even the collaboration of the church with Fascist or reactionary regimes . . . constitutes a grave threat to liberty in Spanish America" where military dictatorships thrive.

The University of Wisconsin's Prof. William S. Stokes said "the Roman Catholic Church in Latin America is hierarchical, authoritarian, and anti-democratic in both organization and procedure." He said the church "conditions the individual more frequently toward the development of an authoritarian personality than toward a democratic one."

Professor Stokes said there seems to be a relationship between high illegitimacy figures in Latin America and "exorbitant church fees for the marriage service."

Father Benjamin Nunez of Costa Rica said the Stokes statement was "an insult to Latin America," and has no more relation to the truth about democracy in Latin America than lurid U.S. magazines bear to the truth about sex life in the United States.

Missionaries to Mars

Talk about flying saucers had impressed the Lutheran bishop of Oldenburg, Dr. Gerhard Jacobi. In a German church paper last month he faced the problem of what to do about v from space who come to the earth.

"Whatever their size, and altl their body shapes may differ from said the bishop, "Christ is their L any case, whether or not they are of it. The faithful have always k and confessed that Christ, crucifi our earth, is the Lord of the univer the Lord of all beings that live o of the billions of planets as God's tures," he said.

The bishop admitted that difficult lems would face Christians if outer visitors land on earth. He said it pose the question whether we " regard such visitors as purposed b in order that we extend our missi witness to these beings?"

In that case, Bishop Jacobi said sions on earth would have to be st up at a tremendous rate so that f all the inhabitants of our planet b Christian.

And so forth

Members of First Methodist Chu St. Charles, Illinois, had been fort Col. Edward J. Baker gave them $1,250,000 church, plus a trust fu its maintenance. St. Mark's congre of the Lutheran Church—Missouri also needed a church, since they ha a small wooden structure. So the odists decided to give the Lutheran old church, built of brick in 1908.

Russia has the cross without but Western nations have Christ w the cross, said Roman Catholic Fulton J. Sheen at a Marian year r Washington. Russians sacrifice for cause, he said, but in the West "w a supine, weak Christianity" wit Saviour, with no sense of sin. The said the bishop, "has Christ in nam and is not willing to sacrifice to his Word."

rld News Notes

eanized" Germany?

day Chancellor Adenauer arrived U.S. for his American tour, the government announced that West ay's gross national production will his year the record level of $134 It said investments in Germany's ing economy would increase 10 t.

announcement came as Washing- led Adenauer as "one of the great en of our time" and called the ad- of Germany into the North At- reaty Organization as a huge step a union of Europe.

nauer stands for a "Europeanized" ay. But he is 78 and his days are ed. Whoever his successor may policies are likely to emphasize national goals more than the es of a united Europe.

nany's economy will need more for expansion. This will most e in the eastward direction. There isk that Germany will try to pro- one, or to take the rest of Europe ith it on the ride.

ll take the combined strength of r western nations to counterbal- is eastward drive and make Ger- rebirth truly a step in the direc- a united Europe.

don't want to be pushed

anni Guareschi's *Little World of amillo* became a best seller in a a few years ago. It was a col- of short stories with a common people are people—whether c priests or Communist chieftains. s of human relations, the political esn't matter—only the man.

n Italian workers elect their shop ls it's the same thing. They don't think of Moscow or Washington, Rome or the Vatican. They think of their paychecks. And of the dim light bulb over their lathe and the window in the hall that won't close and of who can help them fix it.

This was the situation at the Piaggio shipyards in Palermo, Sicily. In 1950, seven out of eight workers' delegates were leftists. In 1952, the ratio of leftists to anti-Communists was down to five to three (but one of the three was a pro-Fascist). In 1954 the ratio went back to seven to one.

Then the U.S. canceled a $7,528,000 order for a 1,500-ton destroyer escort scheduled to be built at the Piaggio plant. Earlier, Communist labor leader Giuseppe Di Vittorio had termed the U.S. procurement program, which provided Italian industry with half-a-billion dollars' worth of orders over the past three years, an attempt to "blackmail the workers." He had nothing to back up his claim before. Now he does.

The U.S. acted in accord with a Congressional decision to withhold procurement orders from plants where Communist influence dominates. But it will be hard to tell this to the Italian worker. It will be even harder to convince him through coercion that to vote for a leftist is wrong and to vote for an anti-Communist is right. Coercion breeds rebellion.

In fact, the losers in the Piaggio affair were the anti-Communists all around—not just the shop stewards who will now bear the label of "servants of foreign interests," but the parties with which they are affiliated. Many workers, although not sympathetic to Moscow, will show at the next election they "cannot be bought." —ROBERT E. HULDSCHINER

Canadian Affairs

CHARITY APPE

WHEN HURRICANE HAZEL roared into southwestern Ontario in mid-October, it raised not only a flood of destructive waters but a wave of spontaneous campaigns for relief funds. In the wake of the wave came the perennial problem: "Is there no end to the number and variety of causes (undoubtedly worthy, most of them) that seek public contributions?"

The obvious answer would seem to be the Community Chest, with many appeals in a common campaign. Sixty-six Canadian cities now follow that plan, and last year raised $14 million.

UNFORTUNATELY, a number of agencies—some of them very important—have not joined the Chests in many places. The Red Cross is an outstanding example; as are the Salvation Army, and the TB, heart, and cancer organizations. There are several reasons why they feel that they can do better on their own.

For one thing, a group that enters a Chest loses its identity to some degree, and perhaps the effectiveness of its peculiar appeal. Many believe that they are able to raise more money by their own efforts than they would receive from a Chest. The fact that only half of the Chests achieved their goal last year fortifies this contention.

Canadian corporations, as well as individuals, face the problem of when and to whom to give. Based on the amount of exemptions from taxation they claimed in 1951, they gave $24 million to charity. (The actual figure would be much higher, of course, especially if goods and services were reckoned. Individuals claimed $127 million in tax-exempt donations.)

Several years ago a survey was undertaken to determine the pattern of giving by corporations. It was sparked by the announcement of one company dent that in the course of one year h had to deal with 1,411 appeals in arate donations totaling $220,000.

Published in book form under the *Corporate Giving in Canada,* the s showed that in 1951, 878 corpor had given 43 per cent of their c dollars to hospitals, 17 per cent to munity Chests, 10 per cent to othe fare services, and 10 per cent to u sities and educational projects. Rel organizations got 2.6 per cent; the tion Army, 1.2 per cent.

THE SURVEY revealed that six out businessmen favor united campaig funds. They are concerned not about the number of times they are for money but about the amount o that executives are expected to g planning and conducting campaigns even went so far as to say that the sure put on the companies was " mail—straight and simple."

Only one-third of the compani porting allowed payroll deduction charities. Their reluctance is bas the theory that a smaller take-hom might give weight to possible de for wage increases. Half the comp however, allow employee solicitati selected campaigns.

One of the sponsors of the stu served: "For a wide range of socia fare activities business believes th voluntary method of fund-raising in greater democratic participatio control, as well as more service dollar to the beneficiaries."

Still unsolved, however, is the pr of co-ordinating and controlling t peals. Perhaps that's asking too m like trying to harness Hazel.

—NORMAN BE

SIDENT EISENHOWER broke two lents the day John Foster Dulles ed from Europe. He met the sec- of state at the airport (a custom on with Truman, but not followed isenhower). In the evening he the first televised cabinet meeting, ich Dulles reported on the results Paris conference.

president thus underscored the c significance of the agreements had been reached by the western The deep diplomatic gloom which ed the rejection of the European se Community by the French par- it had been succeeded in a few weeks by the satisfaction of solid plishment. In a series of remark- negotiations, the tough problem of bring West Germany into the fam- western nations seemed to have olved.

rn European Union

NARRATIVE STYLE, Dulles recounted ps by which the almost insurmount- urdles had been cleared. A main he said, was the decision on the f Great Britain to link its fortunes ose of the Continent. One reason DC failed was that Britain had held and the French were afraid they be outweighed by a resurgent Ger- In the new Western European which will be formed, the presence eat Britain as a full partner will e the French.

ther basic reason for the success s was that the Europeans did their egotiating. The spectre of a collapse western alliance, and the rise of a ermany without responsibility to st, impelled the diplomats to make ecessary concessions in order to achieve agreement. Problems were solved which had been in stubborn deadlock for years.

The toughest of these was the status and control of the Saar. It took an all-night showdown between Adenauer and Mendes-France, with the deadline for signing the other documents only hours away, to come to a solution that both could accept. The Saar is to become a European state, neither German nor French, under the control of the Western European Union—perhaps the first state of a future United States of Europe!

Germany: new partner

THE BIGGEST TRANSITION will of course be in the status of Germany. Occupied by the United States, Britain, and France for nine years, she will achieve virtually complete independence of action. A 12-division army will be placed under the command of NATO, of which West Germany will become a full-fledged member. A voluntary new agreement was signed, by which allied troops may still be stationed in Germany, not as conquerors but as equals.

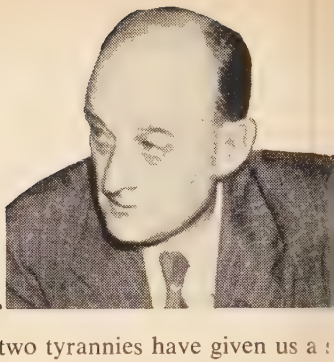
The German fear that alliance with the west might postpone indefinitely the reunification of Germany may not be well founded. The western nations see signs that their new unity may provide a basis for realistic negotiation with Russia.

The stature of John Foster Dulles has increased, both in the United States and in Europe, as a result of the successful outcome of the Paris conference. His dogged patience in the face of overpowering odds has helped to achieve what may become a turning-point in modern history.

—ROBERT E. VAN DEUSEN

Anti-American feeling shows need for church to play prophetic role in urging humility and patience

By REINHOLD NIEBUHR



IT BECOMES INCREASINGLY apparent that anti-American animus is spreading in all the nations of the world. Some of this animus is due to envy of our power and our wealth. "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown," is as applicable to collective, as to individual kings.

Some of the animus is due to specific mistakes which we have made in the exercise of our vast responsibilities of leadership. Some of the mistakes were avoidable and others were unavoidable in the sense that we were forced to exercise power beyond our understanding of the problems of areas upon which our power impinged. This is certainly true of the problem of German rearmament and the relation of France to Germany.

NEVERTHELESS THE BASIC cause of anti-American animus must be recognized as the pride and arrogance of a nation as powerful as we are, and as certain of its virtue as we have come to be. The problem is thus basically religious. For how can powerful nations or individuals be prompted to moderate their pride if they do not encounter a higher majesty than their own—the divine majesty?

The difficulty with this solution is that nations, as nations, know nothing of a divine majesty. Therefore they are constitutionally proud and deficient in the sense of contrition. Our nation is particularly tempted both because of our great power and because our encounters with two tyrannies have given us a sense of virtue. Thus we tend to bine the pride of power of Babylon the pride of virtue of Israel.

IN THE CASE of Israel the pr dragged the nation before the jud seat of God much against the n will. The genius of the prophetic v was that it was an individual expe but was mediated to the nation.

The experience of the prophets be an example to the church. The c is the only community which knowledge of the God "who mak judges of the earth as vanity," and whom "the nations are as a drop bucket." It is in witness to this su majesty which humbles the majesty tions that the church can become a the nation, a redemptive force pe ing the national community that it its own end, and that its pride is from a more ultimate perspective.

THE PROBLEM of making our pc nation more acceptable to our a not of course purely religious. moral and political judgments a quired on such issues as our attitu ward China, which affronts our in both Europe and Asia. But t mary issue is to moderate the arr of a self-righteous nation.

Our allies rightly feel that in ou we are too heedless toward the i

xistence." On that particular prob- nore religious humility would be a e of wisdom to our nation. For it l persuade us that mortal men and ıs cannot play God to history, and ɔt foresee the impenetrable future ıch as we pretend to do. We must wait out the future with more patience than seems to be our inclination. This is the more important because any effort to bring the tragic modern story to a premature conclusion of obvious victory over our foes is bound to end in universal catastrophe.

NDAY MORNING IN A GERMAN CHURCH

:RTRAM C. GILBERT

The service was familiar and the sermon fitting when an American chaplain visited a village church

ME ALONG WITH US for an early ng ride through the German coun- e. Our Ford is a monster compared small German cars and the swarms torcycles on the roads of prosperous any. Hitler's promised *Volkswagons* been delivered by a benevolent oc- on and the average family has more y today than it has had for thirty

cobblestone road winds through ess fields where wheat stands ed artistically and through passes l by terraced vineyards.

re, on the left, you see the castle is *Kreis*. Look closely and you will that it is only a ruined shell. Now ler the good repair of those ancient ıes on the right. (O, where are and empires now? But, Lord, Thy h . . .)

ry little town has two church build- ne Roman Catholic and one Evan- . They stand in the midst of the ed house roofs like a rooster and a ith a flock of chicks. The bells are ringing. Shall we go to church in this next town?

What a thrill! A carved stone on the square church tower says *Luther Platz*. Evangelical will mean Lutheran here just as Lutheran always means evangelical back home. Notice the kindergarten building erected by the town for the use of the church. See how the office of the YMCA social worker adjoins the pastor's office in the parsonage. Those must be quarters for the deaconess on the other side. This is a well-organized parish.

THE SERVICE BEGINS with the painfully slow singing of eight stanzas. One hundred and fifty women and twenty-five men have gathered from this parish of 3,000 souls. The tunes of the service are the same as those of some churches in America and we have no difficulty in translating the identical words of our service. Praise God for a common Liturgy! Now the sermon:

Pastor Berndt is a former Luftwaffe pilot. He is about 35, handsome and has a beautiful voice. He speaks earnestly and slowly to his attentive congregation and to us. He seems to see in our hearts

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ev. Mr. Gilbert is serving as a chaplain U.S. occupation forces in Germany.

the question we have had about Germany and the way her "Christian" culture allowed her to become the world's enemy twice.

"The devil attacks the strong man's castle," he says.

"Evil can pervert and use the good teachings of religion but the solution is not less Christianity but rather more. Evil only breeds more evil."

We wonder whether this doesn't also mean that America's culture could also be distorted to evil ends. There's plenty of fervency in our prayers this morning.

AFTER THE SERVICE we talk to Pastor Berndt and he answers more of our questions in perfect English. It seems he had it polished while serving as pastor to German workers in the British garrison at Ben Gazi.

Poor attendance? Caused mainly by centuries of state churches. Progress being made.

Offerings? Three of four in each month go to benevolence. One for the local work.

Pastor's salary? Starts at $1,200 a year and goes up automatically every two years and with every addition to family.

Inner Mission work? In addition the daily kindergarten, the pastor ministers two service centers for displa young people, an orphanage and an people's home. The YMCA worker sists in some of this and the deaco helps with visits to the sick and age

Foreign Missions? Surely. The man church is again sending worker its missions and supporting generousl

Need for American aid? The gre need is for the work with thousand displaced Lutherans from East Germ whose care is a heavy concern in e parish in the West. Without Amer aid they could not begin to cope wit

Billy Graham in Germany? No ment, but the great church days a very real help among young folks.

Back in the car, rolling past more bidding castles, more forgiving fields vines, more clustered houses with churches pointing heavenward. We der whether the Lord will not forgiv wee bit of pride in our hearts. good to know that we are not consid conquerors, but fellow laborers.

FIRST FRUITS

"WHO COULD be ringing the parsonage doorbell this soon after breakfast?" I wondered as I wiped the dishwater off my hands. When I reached the door I saw one of our New Americans standing there with a well-filled shopping bag. In his very best English he explained that out of gratitude for what the church and the pastor had done for him, he was bringing the first fruits of his garden to the pastor.

When I thought of all that this man had been through—suffering, loss of home and country, peril and hunger—such a lump came into my throat that I could hardly thank him properly. As I returned to the breakfast dishes, I couldn't help wondering what would happen if all the people of our congregation would really bring their first fruits to the Lord's work.

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STUDY OF POPULATION TRENDS REVEALS THAT

therans Are Losing in Rural Areas

ETTY WESTROM

ULCA membership is mostly concentrated in larger cities, but rural mission opportunities are being met in some sections

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH serving a section of our society? A new just published by the Division of rican Missions of the National Lu- n Council, "A Profile of the Lu- n Church," nudges the reader into g a good look at the condition of hurch in rural areas.

e study points out that we tend to ze the friendly little church—the h where the same three women have d together at the Ladies' Aid meet- or the last 10 years, where most of nen know what Bill Radtke planted s "back 40" last spring. We like to of these sturdy groups of solid tian citizens living the good life out e beautiful countryside.

t what is happening to the Lutheran h in the rural areas? The disease of ssness which afflicts all of America nade inroads in the country, too. ie farms grow larger and the rural ies smaller, the rural population de- steadily, according to 1950 census ts and church statistics.

OPLE WITHOUT ROOTS, who live in ame place for only two or three at a time, tend to remain aloof. do not become active in community or church affairs, because they don't expect to be around long enough.

The traditionally rural Lutheran church cannot view this trend and other changes taking place on the rural scene without becoming concerned. Lutheran churches are growing in the cities because they are being "fed" by rural churches. Members and leadership are being drawn from small places where birth rates are high and out-migration is extensive.

In its early years on the American scene, mission activity of the Lutheran church was rural. Newly formed congregations simply "gathered up" the Lutherans who had migrated from Germany or the Scandinavian countries, most of them farmers. As the Lutherans moved into the cities the church followed them there, but it was always a case of ministering to "our people."

If the Lutheran church is to be a truly American church, however, it must serve a cross section of society. Its work must have broad geographical coverage, must be beamed to both the metropolitan and the rural areas, must win souls from various national and racial backgrounds.

ALTHOUGH AMERICA'S rural population is declining, percentage-wise, 42 per cent of the total population still live in incorporated places of 2,500 or under. If we are to serve a cross section of the population, Lutheran membership should be approximately 42 per cent rural. The study reveals that 59 per cent of our con-

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gregations are rural, but they have only 37 per cent of our total membership.

The United Lutheran Church in America, the largest Lutheran denomination and the group which reports activity in almost every state in the union, is the least rural of all. Only about 28 per cent of its approximately two million members in the U.S. live in towns of 2,500 or less.

In a 14-state region containing 46 per cent of the nation's population, 81 per cent of America's Lutherans are found. Lutheran church members are concentrated in these north central and lake states. Included are the traditional Scandinavian and German strongholds of the upper Midwest—the Dakotas, Minnesota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. Even in these farming states, however, the ULCA tends to be a "city church."

In Iowa, for example, which has 28 per cent of its population in cities of 25,000 and above, the ULCA has 69 per cent of its membership in cities of that size. The state has 46 per cent of its population in towns below 1,000 or in the open country, while the ULC has only 7 per cent of its membership in such villages.

In other areas the "big city" character of the ULCA is even more dramatically demonstrated. About 52 per cent of California's population is in the big cities, but 90 per cent of the ULCA members in California live in the larger cities. This state, which has 29 per cent of its people in towns below 1,000 has only .6 per cent of its ULCA members in towns of that size.

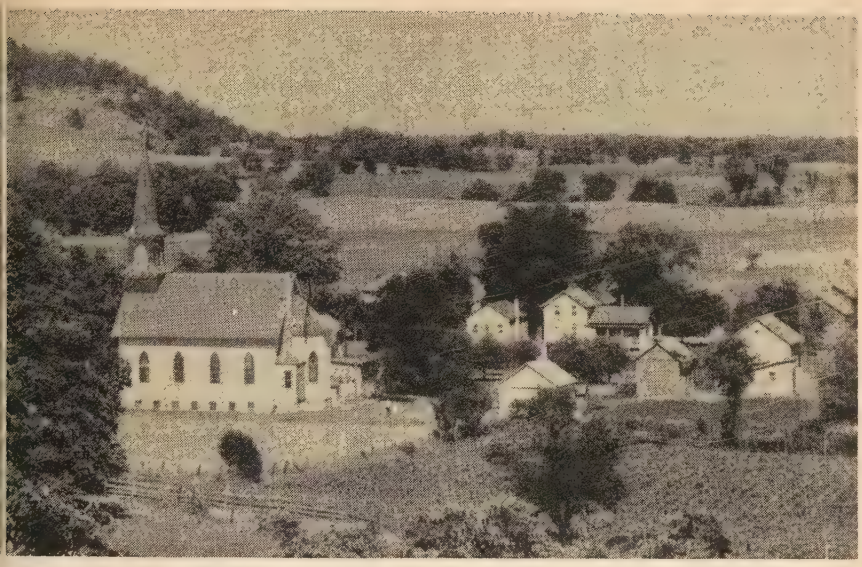
In the industrial states along the east coast, the ULCA profile matches the general population profile more satisfactorily. In the state of Pennsylvania 40 per cent of the people live in towns of more than 25,000, while 34 per cent of the ULCA members live in those places. In the towns below 1,000, 31 per cent of Pennsylvania popula and the 30 per cent of ULCA mem ship reveal that the church has succe well in serving a cross section.

When the ULCA is viewed in total picture of American Lutheran the outlook for the rural church beco brighter. Iowa's ULCA churches overwhelmingly urban, but there are ter church bodies which are concen ing almost entirely on rural work. Evangelical Lutheran Church in that has 57 per cent of its members in villages or in the open country, wh has only 11 per cent of its membe the city. Thus ULCA city churches to a large extent, made up of those have received their early training i ELC.

When compared with America's r rooming suburban population, home sion prospects in rural America poor. Why should a church exper efforts in scattered villages which little or no growth when it can move a booming suburb and score almos tomatic success in membership gai

To talk about rural missions whe suburban and big city mission oppo ties exceed the supply of pastors seem a little like scouring the entire for a pail of berries when you can them all clean and neatly packag the supermarket. The lure of a harvest is unmistakable.

But every year America's rural c membership declines at a faster rate does its population. Every year a sr percentage of country people belo the church. Immortal souls are lost out in the green and wind places, now the most unchurched i nation. Only 40 per cent of Ame country people belong to any chur



FADING LANDMARK ON THE RURAL SCENE (?)
Only 40 per cent of rural population hold church membership

ACK OF OPPORTUNITY in the rural Today we have approximately),000 unchurched people in rural ca. Each is a potential member of ristian church. No denomination ford to relax its missionary efforts hose millions remain outside.

ral parish can no longer be treated raining school for young pastors, a man is stationed until he can be oted" to a city parish, nor as a spot e semi-retirement of older pastors ave served out their usefulness in an setting. Seminaries are begin- see the need for special training al work for men who feel called e in this important field. The best e leadership is required if we are e a growing Lutheran church in a of declining population.

CHURCHED PEOPLE in rural Amer- day are not like the unchurched who were gathered into the Lu- churches a century ago. At that they were Lutheran immigrants, good Christian people who were waiting for the organized church to catch up with them. Today's rural areas are spiritually "burned over." They are indifferent folk who must be *won* through energetic effort.

Some of the problems involved are pointed out by Dr. E. W. Mueller, who directed the study. For example, to interest the 1,691,621 members that live in towns below 1,000 in a program of nation-wide evangelism, it is necessary to have activity in 7,705 congregations; whereas the 2,303,263 who live in cities above 25,000 can be reached by having activity in only 3,377 congregations.

"When such programs are initiated, it is the practice to hold mass meetings in the larger population centers," Dr. Mueller points out, "and the influence of these mass meetings is expected to trickle back into the smaller units. That is why they often feel forgotten."

IN NO SECTION of the country has the Lutheran church so neglected its oppor-

tunities as it has in the South. In this most rural of all regions in the United States, the small amount of Lutheran activity has been almost exclusively urban. The ULCA has a few parishes in each of the southern states, but they are almost all city parishes.

More than half of Georgia's citizens live in towns of less than 1,000 or in the open country, but only 17 per cent of Georgia's Lutherans live in those places. Indeed, 75 per cent of the Lutherans live in cities of 25,000 or above.

Mississippi, the least Lutheran of all the southern states, is the most rural of them all, with 62 per cent of the people living in incorporated places of 1,000 or less or in the open country. There are only 2,050 Lutherans in Mississippi, and only 29 per cent of these are in towns of less than 1,000 population or in the open country.

The South must be considered as an area of responsibility because of its high birth rate, if for no other reason. In 17 southeastern states are one-third of the nation's children under 14; and three-fourths of them are in rural areas.

Recent studies point out that the South is experiencing a renaissance. Industry and medium-sized cities are developing rapidly. Many agricultural towns are also feeling a new community spirit. The Lutheran church can be a factor in this renaissance if it will carry its message to the southern people.

In New England, Lutherans are definitely a minority. In Vermont and New Hampshire, Lutherans comprise only .2 per cent of the population. There are just five Lutheran congregations in Vermont, none of them ULCA churches. The Augustana Church has three congregations, the Missouri Synod two. This limited Lutheran activity *is* found in the smaller villages, however, with all c congregations in towns of less than 1 population. Lutheranism in this st not a "big city" religion.

Most of the ULCA's 28 congreg in Connecticut are located in the cities. About 37 per cent of the s citizens are in towns of less than population, while only 10 per cent state's ULCA members are in places.

New England's population ma be composed of "our people"—p with a Lutheran background; church which hopes to minister people cannot afford to write off a with a population of 9,314,453—m of them unchurched.

Of the mountain states, only tana has any appreciable Lut strength. In that state there are 23 theran congregations, but most of are located in the Great Plains rathe in the mountainous area. Colorad 143 congregations; Arizona, 45; Mexico, 21; Utah, 11; and Wyomin These states are significant beca their rapid population growth duri past decade. Predominantly rural greatest numerical growth in popu has been in the rural category, alt percentagewise the cities have e the greatest growth.

The Far West is one of the mo churched areas in the nation, parti in the rural areas. Only 22 per c the residents of the Pacific Nor states have membership in any c In the western specialty-crop ar California, farming is a vast co cialized industry, with much of th work done by migrant laborers. T little real rural community life. country churches are few, and m the rural people do not bother to town to attend church. Here, aga

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church should be expected to bear the largest mission responsibility in reaching the unchurched. Effectiveness of the Lutheran witness in this state is hampered by competition among various Lutheran groups, resulting in loss of manpower.

Only 15 of the state's 923 congregations are affiliated with the ULCA, but the largest part of the home mission effort there will probably be confined to evangelism work within congregations already established.

IN PENNSYLVANIA, Lutheranism has its largest membership—821,410 souls. Yet Lutherans only account for about 8 per cent of the total population. Here the ULCA is seen to be representing a genuine population cross section. Its 1,468 congregations serve the spiritual needs of 765,813 Lutherans, and the distribution among the cities and towns of various sizes follows the population profile for the state as a whole.

But if the ULCA has done the most work in Pennsylvania, it is also the synodical body which will be expected to bear the largest share of the load in reaching the unchurched—almost one-half of the population of the state.

In some ways, the United Lutheran Church has an admirable record in serving a cross section of American society. A heterogenous group, it has not been composed of Lutherans of exclusively Swedish, Norwegian, or German background. Many different nationalities are found in its membership.

Geographically, too, it has achieved a broader coverage than most Lutheran bodies. In the southeastern states, for example, it has been responsible for almost all of the Lutheran activity.

But the ULCA, in its zeal for winning America's cities and suburban areas, must not neglect America's small places, where the spiritual fires are burning low.

Life Is Exciting on the Jungle River

By VIOLA L. SCOTT

One of the ULCA's most unusual parishes serves the na along the shores of the Berbice River in British G

OF ALL THE MAGICAL PLACES the world contains for a North American armchair traveler, one of the most intriguing would be some remote jungle spot. That is probably why so many people are interested in the "river parish" of the British Guiana Lutheran church. It is in an area quite different from the coastal sections where the greater part of our church activities center, and the pastor of that parish, the Rev. Hector C. Magalee, has numerous adventure stories to tell.

Many of his breath-taking tales are vivid accounts of battles with jungle creatures. Other stories concern the difficulties his parishioners experience daily in their struggle for survival against the jungle.

HOME LIFE IS SIMPLE and generally primitive. Houses are thatched huts which vary only with the artistic ability of the householder. Some are tiny structures which nestle against the ground like huge bird nests, their pointed roofs not even as high as a nearby bush. Others, larger and raised a bit from the ground, have a wall of wood or thatch waist-high. A thick roof of yellow straw keeps the interior cool and shady. The open area between the low wall and the roof provides a continuous scenic panorama—larger than any "picture window" could ever provide—of pleasant jungle green, sunny skies, and wide river or crystal creek rushing pellmell in a murmuring symphony over sand and rocks.

The river is the jungle's only tie with the outside world, and the quickes of communication between the dwellers. Children learn to ma canoes at an early age, and soon c and lift the paddle in the water as as any jungle creature that moves t the brush. It is natural that some artistic sense of the people should pressed in the sleek lines of thei out canoes, and in the hand-forme dles whose design differs for me women. The manner of paddlir differs. Women the world over cused of being extremely talkativ here in the remote jungle we fi women speaking a language of the in the sound of paddles delib struck against the canoe in a rh fashion, the hollow, drumlike ton ing a great distance.

For our church people, the indeed a stream of "living water," brings them straight to the door church. The heavy-laden canoes a from stem to stern, floating on the of the water like brown shells. per edge of the canoe clears th by only three or four inches, so river is rough, waves may wash c occupants. So that the worship enter God's house neatly and clad, many clamber up the rive clutching a small box or case in neatly folded, are their best cloth

JUNGLE HAZARDS do not cease advent of Sunday peace. One m huge snake barred the entrance

ers. Pastor Hector was already way to the church building, clad cal robe and flowing white sur- Laying aside his book, he was to arm himself with a gun and he poisonous creature.

es provide many of the thrills and of jungle living. One mother, the fields, placed her two-year- d in the friendly shade of a near- as she went about her labors. A cry of fright brought the mother over the uneven ground. Her as almost stopped with panic as something glide sinuously away o the undergrowth. The mother d the child to her in anguish. Help than hers was needed to save y, and there was no help near. ther sank to the ground, cuddling body which was soon lifeless.

h from snakebite is horrible to young father making his way in k along the path to his home tally stepped on a rattlesnake fastened its fangs in his ankle. rushed him to a snake doctor, trip required ten hours. He en- xcruciating pain as his leg began ll and throb. By the time he the questionable ministration of ke doctor he could no longer nd the swollen leg was straining the trouser leg like an overstuffed ready to burst from its casing.

IS NOT EASY in the jungle. Fam- port themselves by farming and Most of the big timber near the ttlements has already been cut, necessary to penetrate as far as iles into the bush. Farming, also, lucted some distance in the in- That is where the good sand soil able.

n it is necessary for the loggers way from home, the school chil- dren of the family remain at the church hostel for several weeks at a time. Including the children who go back and forth between home and school daily, a varying distance of one to five miles, enrollment averages about 46. Tuition is free, as are board and lodging.

Parents occasionally bring meat or fish, and this is supplemented by a government food box sent up weekly on the government steamer. This government aid is free. Rice is the staple item, and the box includes enough for one meal a day for each child. Other items may include small amounts of dried meat, canned fish, fat, and salt.

THE CHILDREN are all members of the Lutheran church, and the church, too, supplies food which is ordered and prepared by the matron who is disciplinarian and comforter to the children under her care. Religious programs are conducted every evening for the children living at the hostel. During school play periods the young people must devise whatever recreation they can. They have little or no equipment to play the colony's favorite game of cricket, or any of the other sports and games which should be part of every youth's life. The schools have no funds with which to provide balls, bats, horseshoes, nets, or games for the less physically active children. The parents are too poor to provide manufactured toys for their children, and many have never had the opportunity to see so much as a picture of any toys which they themselves might duplicate, be it ever so crudely done.

Many of the girls have never seen a doll. Last Christmas, Pastor Hector managed to purchase locally some cheap clay dolls about three or four inches long, which were given to the tiniest girls. To his amazement, coupled with grief at his inability to provide more, older girls up

to the age of eighteen begged for one also. They had never owned a doll during the years when every warm-hearted little girl yearns for one of her own to cuddle and caress.

Carefree time for these children is very short. There is no compulsory age limit for school attendance on the river, and most children leave their books for manual labor at the age of twelve. Every pair of capable hands must be put to work.

THERE IS RARELY a profit for one year's work to be carried over as insurance against the next year. The weather frequently works havoc with the crops. Unusually heavy rainfall, in a country where the average is already 70-130 inches a year, last year washed away most crops. Rain always brings hordes of cockles, which proceed to eat whatever may still be left of the hoped-for harvest.

Hunting and fishing have to provide a good share of the food supply. Supplying meat for the children at the hostel is sometimes taken care of by some man in the village who does not go into the interior to work and so acts more or less as a protector for the women and children in the area.

Such a man is Arthur, who is adept with gun, knife, and spear. He does most of his hunting in the dark, and is frequently out all night on an expedition. The darker the night and the warmer the weather, the heavier is the bag which he brings back with him. His keen ears hear every crackle and snap in the brush. He waits in patience and silence, gun braced securely against his shoulder with one hand, a shaded light in the other. When the moment is right, Arthur swings the torch upward. Its light catches the gleam of two bright red eyes. A shot rings out. Arthur has bagged a jaguar, a labba, or a deer. The labba will provide a meal of tasty bits whose flavor reser that of veal or rabbit. The deer ha flavor of high quality pork withou of the rich fattiness which some makes pork unappetizing.

ARTHUR IS NO LESS ADEPT at cat fish. In the afternoon he baits his h tosses them into the river at va points, and leaves them to "soak" evening. At night, armed with gun lass, and flashlamp, he paddles si along in his canoe. Some of the have snagged a trophy, others are ingly empty. Up along little strea moves. He darts a quick beam int den crannies and spies a fish, fast Silently he grasps the cutlass. W easy and cautious motion, hand an lass slip over the edge of the canoe blade slashes through the water. reaches down and brings up a fi head neatly severed.

Arthur's skill is called upon times in his role as village protector a snake been bothering a hous Arthur is called to dispatch it. child fallen into the river? At th shout Arthur comes running to the He is a resourceful fellow who has times proven himself equal to en cies—some of them vital, some, in spect at least, amusing.

VILLAGERS still chuckle over th someone dropped his false teeth in river. Arthur, unprotected again vicious Pirai fish, dove thirty feet mud bottom in search of them. Vi in this river water is a scant six Arthur paddled about, groping w hands. Surely this was an impossib The spectators, breathless with su hung over the riverbank. There flash of wet dark skin. Arthur tos water from his eyes. In his han the gleaming white teeth.

Only Through a Broken Heart . . . ."

By MARY E. FULWILER

Words of comfort came easily to Stacey's lips when others brought their troubles—but what of his own?

. Reverend Stacey Thorndyke almost eagerly as Martha, discreet neery, ushered in the pitifully bent ging Mrs. Martin.

poor old soul hobbled painfully his study. When she was seated in leather chair Stacey slid a pillow her back—deftly, in just the right relieve the cruel, twisting arthritic

n he listened. Listened with a sym- and singleness of mind with which tacey Thorndyke could listen.

s. Martin poured out the story of he was no longer able to go out rub people's floors and do their y, of how her children, all involved problems of their own far-away ouldn't help, and, of course, none om to take her in.

wiped her eyes with a work- d hand. Stacey cleared his throat, tened the pencils on his desk, a speck of imaginary dust off the portrait of Stacey Jr. and pre- to administer comfort. He always his tactics to the human material to work with. Mrs. Martin was a l churchgoer, and it wasn't at all why she should deserve the miser- roblems old age was bringing her. e had them, and there it was. You work from there.

ey began speaking then, softly, nded his gentle words of comfort with, "Come with me, all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

As he spoke, resignation—almost joy—filtered across Mrs. Martin's worn features. There was a new agility in the swing of her cane as she hobbled away into the gathering mists of death and destitution. She was still headed for the poorhouse, but she went leaning on the Everlasting Arms, and she knew they would never again let her down, either in this world or the next.

Stacey's talent was remarkable. People in all walks of life recognized it. They came and were helped. They really were. Not only people of his own congregation—to those in trouble he was a magnet. For each Stacey could propound just the right words, words that those in trouble carried away, like bright banners to flaunt in the winds of their adversity.

Almost every morning Stacey refreshed his mind by leafing through the little black book where he kept the brave, bright words catalogued alphabetically according to subject. One had to be ready. One never knew what the day might bring—to other people.

Just last week there was the midnight visit from young Dick Dornbrook, obviously on the verge of suicide. He'd cracked up his new convertible showing off for Aimee, the girl he was engaged to. And Aimee, laughing and shouting

one moment, was still and dead the next. Dick, with hardly a scratch and mortally ashamed to be still among the living, in desperation had stumbled into Thorndyke's lighted study.

In the hour that followed, a despairing youngster evolved into a courageous, determined man with a purpose in life, a man who would never again be thrown for a loss by anything that could happen, for ringing eternally in his heart was the battle-hymn Stacey had planted there: "What happens is unimportant. Only how *we react* to what happens, counts."

And Stacey remembered the lame boy, Jaimie Sanders, his soul all twisted by having to inhabit the twisted body. And Stacey knew the seeds of greatness were planted by his own words to Jaimie, "Our admiration is aroused, Jaimie, not by the guy who's dealt a winning hand, but by the guy who plays a poor hand well."

For the disappointed, the tempted, the discouraged, the troubled, the bereaved, he always found the right word. "We climb to heaven on the ruins of our dreams," he might say. "How else but through a broken heart may the Lord Christ enter in?"

Remarkable, the ease and fortitude with which Stacey Thorndyke bore other people's troubles—and made them bearable for them, too. Seeing so many fellow humans in so many kinds of trouble should have prepared him for his own. But somehow, these were all things that happened to other people.

HE WAS STILL SAYING that, meaninglessly, over and over to himself, as his numb fingers held the piece of yellow paper on which the War Department regretted to inform him that Stacey Jr. was killed in a jeep accident at the training camp in Texas.

With one uncaring corner of his mind he heard Martha comfortably chirping, "Come *on,* Stacey. Your lunch w cold." In a moment she, too, must that their only child was dead, wit even the shred of comfort of kn he had died bravely on some fie battle.

Martha, plump and gay in her st apron, bustled in to see what was ke him.

"Stacey, darling, come right now. Why—whatever is the matte

Wordlessly Stacey handed the paper to Martha. There was no from her lips. Only the heavy th she collapsed to the floor.

IT WAS EVENING NOW and the h had told him he must leave. Ther nothing he could do anyway, the said. She might recover. She migh If she did, she might be helpless.

Overnight, in the twinkling of a his life of well-ordered serenity ha solved in the shapeless, soggy mi loneliness and grief. You can't eve your fists against mist. It just v away and is replaced by ever m the dankness, rolling in and in, eternity. Eternity—t i m e—space cepts that had always frightened little, he seemed, somehow, face t with now.

Stacey walked and walked. He c bear to go home. But finally h Where else is there to go—finally

It was an empty, frightening his beloved parsonage. It seemed hung now with the chill of all the f at which he'd ever officiated. I membered now all the warm, reso words of comfort and cheer he'd quently spoken at those funeral suddenly he felt a wave of nause contempt so bitter he could l taste it.

Now is the time, Stacey, he tol self. Now, if ever, to take out th

book and prove the efficacy of Medicine.

ey did.

read it all the way through. But vere no banners, only words. And could help Stacey now—Stacey, helped so many?

DAWN HE TURNED the final page of le black book, and holding it by rner with two fingers, like some n thing, he dropped it into the basket.

oke over him in a wave of terrible ion that he'd less business being a r than anybody he could think of. people's troubles had always made h sense to him. Though he never ight out and said it, he could al- ee the righteous hand of the Lord mysteriously, but justly, to teach e a needed lesson, or to round ough corner here and there.

now it had happened to him, and 't make sense. Perhaps worst of knew now what a smug, uncaring creature he must have seemed to the others. When they had come to him for help and had wanted him to say with them, "Lord, let this cup pass," Stacey had held it firmly to their lips and said, "Drink it."

THERE IN THE COLD DAWN of a new day he couldn't bear to face, Stacey Thorndyke decided to go out of business. His conscience allowed him no alternative. Taking from the desk drawer a fresh white sheet of church stationery, he wrote his note of resignation to the vestry.

It hurt terribly, for this had been Stacey's life, a life with which he had been completely satisfied. He found himself utterly incapable of looking into a future devoid of both his family and his church.

Why, he asked of the mist, did life lie in wait like this? Why did it spend fifty or sixty years lulling you into security, only to let you have it between the eyes finally, when you are too old and sud-

denly too tired to make a fresh start?

Stacey could not figure beyond the present moment, because for him there could be no bearable "beyond," so out of wretched fatigue and the desperate need for oblivion, he fell asleep there at his desk.

THAT'S WHERE they found him, when they started coming at about seven. Mrs. Martin was first to arrive. She came in quietly so as not to disturb Mr. Thorndyke and went to the kitchen where she started brewing coffee. When she let Dick Dornbrook in, the peal of the bell aroused Stacey from his uneasy sleep.

All morning they came. these people, waving in his face the banners he'd given them in their darker hours. Stacey could almost see the banners, and the winds that fluttered them were loud in his ears.

As the day wore on and gifts and solace of the grateful piled up around Stacey he was faced with the paradoxical fact that it is possible—it must have been—to give away something you haven't got. He'd been doing it for years and now they were giving it back to him. Stacey put his letter of resignation away i drawer. He had to think.

Dimly at first, then ever more cl he saw that what he did now make or break all these others, t he couldn't find for himself a wa the ways he'd found for the others be invalidated. Mrs. Martin wou longer be able to face the poorhous gallantry, Dick would no longer b to live with the burden of Aimee's and poor Jaimie might let his t body twist his mind again, perha retrievably this time. And all the

Throughout the dark night tha behind him Stacey had prayed like others that this cup might pass, an in the relentless light of day, sco steady hands held it to his lips.

AS HE started for the hospital, S banners were flying again—at half but flying. And furled safely t needed moment were many, many in the little black book, retrieved the waste basket.

". . . How else but through a heart may the Lord Christ enter in

A BANKER IN PITTSBURGH KNEW a lady who was painfully injured in a freak accident on the way to a church service. And his whole faith went into a tailspin. He called in any number of clergymen—which shows he was desperate—to challenge them with this and ask them how they could take seriously a religion that couldn't even guarantee a person's safety on the way to church! In all kindness, and with all deference to his sincerity, I wonder where that man has been? I wonder what Bible he has read? Could it possibly have been this Book with its complete cataloguing, not of ease, but of trouble faced triumphantly? It is when we are ready to open our eyes, somehow, to that sterner view of life, ready to chant praise that chains can't daunt, to sing songs that darkness can't blanket—it is then that Christ can answer. For He knows we were meant, somehow, for "whatever it is that comes up out of the soil of effort, out of the bitter but creative moral struggle, out of the throb and hurt of sacrifice, out of the deep tensions of forgiveness and hope and an undiscourageable will."

—From *The Salty Tang* by FREDERICK B. SPEAKMAN (Revell)

/E MAKE A FAMILY———

omething to Think About

NOVEMBER DAYS are here again!" sang
, whipping her socks in a gay wind-
in each hand.
f you don't hold still, I'll let you fix
own hair," I threatened. November
nings are not my favorite time of the
I must admit. This one was par-
rly grey and gloomy. I couldn't see
she found to sing about, but I tried
eep that thought to myself. "There
are, lady bird. Put on your socks
e you freeze your toes. I'll have
kfast on the table before you can
orange juice.' "

S LONG as the family were about, I
ed around acting energetic and
ling them on their way. Karen's
excited about the party her class
ving next week. "Don't expect me
e right after school," she informed
"We're having a meeting in Bar-
s garage. No, don't ask me anything
t it. We aren't telling anyone." She
ed her armful of books and raced
o join the noisy crowd waiting on
orner.
om behind the window curtain I
ned them out of sight. Karen would
been humiliated to have me caught
ng her off to school "like a mother."
the same I enjoy their antics. Five
were trying to walk abreast on a
alk meant for not more than three.
pushed and shoved and stopped to
im over some sudden thought, com-
y ignoring the two boys on bicycles,
ing slowly along the curb. They
l wisecracks back and forth with apparent disregard of the female contingent, yet the two groups kept pace perfectly.

I WAS LOST in trying to remember how it felt to be that age, when Claire Mawson's cheery, "Hi!" from the back door made me jump. "Come on in. I'm just doing a Peeping Tom in broad daylight. Look at this, will you? Did you ever see such determined indifference in your life?"

She looked over my shoulder, then dropped onto the davenport, waving a disparaging hand. "This is only the beginnin', folks—only the beginnin'. If you're lucky, it will last a long time. Marilyn's already begun to worry about who's going to ask her to the Prom in January and Chuck writes from college that he's met the one and only girl for him. Charlie says it's all the extra vitamins we fed our children when they were babies. If we'd kept them on plain milk longer, they might not have grown up so fast."

"That's an interesting theory. I wish I'd known about it before I fed mine all that pablum and cod liver oil. My, I'm glad to find something to laugh about on such a grey morning. I wish the weather didn't affect my disposition so much."

"WHAT YOU NEED is to get out of the house and away from it all. Are you open to suggestions?"

"Provided it's not a meeting you're luring me into. Seems to me all I've done for the past month is race through my

housework and either go to a meeting or have one here."

"Gets you down after a while, doesn't it? I could tell Dan was feeling it last week. Maybe I should tell you what Charlie says to me when I get into that sort of mood. And then again maybe I'd better not risk breaking up a beautiful friendship."

"Maybe you'd better not. I don't think I'm touchy but sometimes I surprise myself. Instead, why not tell me what you had in mind?"

"Nothing special. Just a jaunt out into the country for apples. Charlie's sister knows a farm where they haven't sent their apples into cold storage yet. I thought we might ride out and get some and stop for lunch on the way home."

"Oh, lunch. I don't want the children to come home to an empty house. I always like to be here at noontime."

"Fiddlesticks. There's no rule that isn't all the better for being broken once in a while. I tell you what. Charlie was going to eat downtown, but I'll call him and see whether he won't come home and look after them. We'll leave soup on the stove, crackers and fruit on the table, and ice cream in the ice box, so he won't have any work."

"Wonderful. Want to use our phone?"

"I'll call from our house. You hurry with your chores and I'll hurry with mine."

SHE WAS OFF and the prospect of a break in the routine put wings on my feet. I raced through my upstairs work after I'd done the dishes. I put my hand on my Bible, then took it away. We'd said our prayers at breakfast. That ought to be enough. I wondered what to wear, though it didn't matter much under my winter coat.

I pulled out one dress, then another. And all the time there was the nagging repetition of a phrase I'd heard the tor quote, "When the devil can steal time a man needs for prayer, he has the first round of the battle." There no getting away from it. I picked up Bible and carried it to the window, w my rocker was waiting.

Taking out the marker, I read the chapter. It hadn't anything specia say to me, but I knew that was my f I wasn't really listening. Prayer d go well, either. I just felt empty. I en "Dear God, you know what's wr even if I don't. Please, accept this what I'd like it to be, and make m better Christian. Amen."

I came out my door just as Claire p out of her driveway. The air was d but cold enough to make me perk "Leave a note for the kids?" she a

"Right on the handle of the refri tor. Susie can't read it, but Pete can that's the first place he'll go.

I SAT BACK and relaxed as we rea the open road. Claire is a good d even if she does talk a lot. It was to watch the concrete slip under wheels. After a time we settled into panionable silence.

"Want the radio?" she asked.

"Not unless you do."

"Not I. But I don't want you bored on your day off."

"I'm not bored. I like the sile though there's one thing I'd like m

"Such as?"

"Hearing what Charlie says to when you get fed up with church and meetings."

"Oh, that!" she gave that deep ch I've come to love. "He says, Claire, you can't do without the Lor it might be He can do without y you think you're doing Him favors.' that always gives me something to about."

KNOW THE BIBLE

A SERIES OF COMPARISONS OF THE KING JAMES AND REVISED STANDARD BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

By RALPH D. HEIM

WHILE THE Revised Standard Version preserves a large proportion of the King James Version's language—too much, some of us think—many a familiar expression has been dropped. This is not always for the sake of modern language alone. There are more serious reasons. Some of them have been mentioned in this series: chiefly because we have more adequate Greek and Hebrew texts and also fuller understandings of biblical life and language.

There is another and unusual reason in the fact that the revisers sometimes bypass the Latin Vulgate.

THE VULGATE is a translation of the Bible into Latin, completed by Saint Jerome who worked in Bethlehem about A.D. 400. King James' scholars relied heavily on this version; in fact, they were using an English translation of it. Something is lost in only one translation; here there was a twofold loss. One more thing: those translators themselves tell us that the Vulgate translation was done hastily. Jerome, they say, "could no sooner write anything, but presently it was caught from him, and published, and he could not have leave to mend it."

WE PROFIT because the present revisers made more use of Hebrew and Greek sources. This fidelity to the original languages resulted in corrections such as we see in the printed verses. Some of these changes have caused considerable dissatisfaction. Yet translators are obliged to report what a passage says, not what somebody wishes it to say. And if some change is indicated, let us receive it in the interest of truth and ultimate satisfaction.

(King James Version)

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

(Revised Standard Version)

And when they came to the place which is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

So faith, hope, love abide; these three; but the greatest of these is love.

(Luke 23:33; John 3:16; I Cor. 13:13)

NOW WE DO NOT HAVE the word Calvary in our passion narratives. It had appeared only in Luke. Elsewhere the word was Golgotha (meaning the place of a skull). The usage in Luke was following the Latin Vulgate. Now that gospel properly refers to The Skull.

And our beloved John 3:16 is not quite the same. Although, following the Vulgate the KJV says, "only begotten son," the revisers have found that the original Greek text does not support that rendering.

The "charity" of First Corinthians 13, which we have long considered outmoded, came from the Latin. Now it is, as it ought to be, "love."

Personal Problem Clinic

Extra person

QUESTION: Ruth is my spinster sister. She has lived with us for a good many years. When she first came to us we expected that it would be for a relatively short time. We tried to have her meet eligible men in the hope that she would find a husband. But nothing happened even though she had plenty of dates for several years. Then her social affairs dropped off, and now she goes out with a man only rarely. We have given up hope for any romance.

But that is not the immediate difficulty. Ruth is always hovering around—especially any time that Harry and I are going anywhere. She almost always goes along, and long ago came to expect it. Both of us want to be nice to her, and I think my husband has gone the second mile right along. But her constant company makes it just about impossible for us to have normal husband-wife conversation. She is always listening, misses nothing, and usually has her comments to make. I am sorry to say she is very opinionated—has become more so in recent years.

Furthermore, we can never have our visitors to ourselves—she seems to think every caller is eager to see her. Of course, some visitors are her friends, but most people who come to our house are our friends. Harry is getting more and more impatient about the situation, and I am afraid some day he'll find it more than he can take. Yet neither of us wants to tell her to leave. That's our puzzle.

REPLY: When an extra person in a home doesn't have enough imagination to see his own situation objectively he is likely to become an annoyance to the rest of the household. A lone individual in another's home, who realizes his relationship to the home is ready—even eager—to stay in his place and not to project himself into situations and affairs which belong to the family only. People who cannot assess the total situation and act accordingly need some help. course, assistance has to be given diplomatic manner—otherwise unp antness will result.

You should have a friendly but ca talk with Ruth and place the facts be her without emotion. Help her to re that while you want to befriend her husband-wife relationship has to be re nized as something specific—a statu be respected by others. Bring up all main problems and try to arrive a understanding about all of them. Bl the interview you and Harry should cide what privileges to offer her and reservations to make. With an agree established, start at once to live it all the while showing Ruth every po courtesy and consideration.

If your sister receives your propos kindly and accepts them, your pro is probably solved, provided you start making exceptions. If she agree, it will be better for her to quarters elsewhere. Regardless of happens exercise the utmost of good and it may be good to revive your of romance for Ruth and be rea render assistance in this realm, if po One cannot forecast just when or the lightning may strike.

Trouble with algebra

QUESTION: I want to go to college, failed high school algebra, and so m ents don't think I could make the gra

REPLY: We cannot all do ever equally well. In fact, a person wh phenomenal success at one thing m an abysmal failure at something Even though mathematics eludes yo likely you could be a success in a field. A vocational aptitude test gi a trained counselor should help yo the right one.

—EARL S. RUD

BOOKS

Integrity in Politics

ventures in Politics. By Richard L. Neuberger. Oxford University Press. 210 pages. $3.50.

the time you read this review, Mr. Neuberger will either have been elected or defeated S. senator from Oregon. Either way, I hope he will not leave the political picture. as far as his insights and the writing of his experiences are concerned, a refreshing n. He and his wife have both been members of the Oregon legislature, an unsual in American political history. This adds flavor to the book, since he discusses the of women in government from per- experience.

ead this book eagerly and avidly. I l every experience of my adventure litics as a candidate for mayor of apolis in 1949. Within my limited ex- ce I can say that Neuberger is 100 ent correct in his insights into the al picture of state governments today. at he has written concerning the gs" of state government could, on the of my experiences, be written about nd county government in the U.S. The ns he proposes for improvements in al life in state government would also lpful in national, city, and county nments.

need the insights this book offers in that we may assume the Christian nsibility for government which is ours ry. There is one sentence in the book ndicates this responsibility. "Integrity e important than ideology." We need nish men for our political life of whom an honestly be said.

author, himself a Jew, encouraged me is positive feelings that this did not him from being elected in Portland only a small number of his fellow- ers live. More encouragement came story of the Methodist minister who sfully championed the cause of the veterans of World War II whose names to be taken off the scroll of honor in River, Oregon.

Appendix contains questions and an- for the individual who wants to know er or not he should seek public office hat and how to meet the adventure.

you want something refreshing, this readable book will serve well, but don't read it if you aren't prepared to act on the last chapter, "Where Do We Go from Here?"

JOHN G. SIMMONS

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Liturgy and Life

The Liturgical Renaissance in the Roman Catholic Church. By Ernest B. Koenker. University of Chicago Press. 272 pages. $5.

Some people may be surprised to find that the Church of Rome is experiencing a liturgical renaissance. This book is a fine study of the history of that movement.

Based upon a doctrinal thesis, Professor Koenker (who is on the faculty of Valparaiso University) has produced a study which should receive considered examination. Against the background of the historical development of the Roman Catholic liturgical renaissance. The aims and objections of the movement are ably presented.

The first objective is the active participation in the comprehension of the church's rites. This involves a renewed interest by lay people in the Divine office (the official daily prayer of the church), and the encouragement of the practice wherein each church has but one altar where mass is celebrated *ad populum*. Secondarily, there is a new emphasis upon what is called the general priesthood. This is not to be equated with what Luther called the priesthood of believers, although there seems to be little difference. Roman scholars of the liturgical movement do not criticize Luther's views on the lay priesthood. Instead they point to what they consider the basic difference: Lu-

ther's denial of the sacerdotal power to effect the Sacrifice.

Another mark of this liturgical renaissance is the return to an earlier, more Christocentric and biblical tradition. Here the movement faces its greatest need: "honest historical research into the growth of the idea of sacrifice." This need has already been investigated, but the process is slow. One of the fruits of this renewed study of sacrifice, particularly as it relates to the Eucharist, is the increasing interest in the *ex opere operantis* quality of the sacraments. In place of an earlier mechanical view of the sacraments, there has arisen a determination to aid the worshiper in participating intelligently and actively in what the church is doing.

Here is the heart of the matter. From it all else stems. Continued agitation for the use of the vernacular, a minimizing of some of the popular forms of devotion (now regarded as medieval encumbrances), a new evaluation of Gregorian chant and an emphasis on congregational singing, a reexamination of art and architecture as they serve the church, and a new outlook on the kindred liturgical movements within the divided segments of Christendom, are but a few of the factors which are under consideration among those who follow the Roman liturgical movement.

The whole liturgical movement, a phenomenon which extends across the face of divided Christendom, demands close scrutiny. This book has given us a good look at one segment of it. EDGAR S. BROWN, JR.

Pottstown, Pa.

Pauline Theology

The Apostle Paul—His Message and Doctrine. By Olaf Moe; translated by L. A. Vigness. Augsburg. 489 pages. $4.75.

This book will appeal to students in search of a conservative treatment of the theology of St. Paul. It was written by the late professor of New Testament at the Independent Theological Seminary at Oslo, Norway, in 1928, and translated by a former president of St. Olaf's College. This book is systematic and replete with footnotes (the Greek is transliterated) and refere to the works of Scandinavian and Ger scholars of the last generation.

Introduced by a brief chapter on "Re Research on Paul" which, in this revie opinion is too brief and unfair (Moe it "this fumbling guesswork") to inf and too polemical to introduce the u pared reader into the theology of Apostle.

The book is organized into two uneven parts: the Gospel of Paul, an Theology of Paul. The first part deals Paul's missionary message. It is a tempted reconstruction from Acts an Pauline epistles (including the Pastoral the missionary message of the Apostle the second and major part of the boo Moe is on far more solid ground. In pages the more advanced teachings o Apostle are expounded. Passages whic quire elaborate exegesis are given uns attention. The treatment of major logical subjects is divided into 59 which substitute for the missing inde which fail to kindle very much sus interest.

The reader who seeks a catalog and sition of Pauline theology will be rep the reading of this book; if he is mis the title to expect more, he will be pointed. The makeup and printing book fulfill the high expectation of manship which has come to be asso with the Augsburg Publishing House.

Fremont, Nebr. RICHARD S

Meditations

The World in Tune. By Elizabeth Gray Harper. 124 pages. $1.75.

Mrs. Vining is a Quaker, and was in 1946 as tutor to the crown prin Japan. Her gentle, mystical meditatio the life of faith are studded with quo from many of the greatest Christian and prophets. For perceptive folks— beyond the easy page-a-day devotiona ings—this book will be deeply appre It brings profound insight for C reflection.

OVERSEAS

des Worry About McCarthy

EDEN: Karlstad. Oct. 3.—THIS WEEK eading journalist of Sweden, Dr. ten, published a series of documen- articles on McCarthyism, "The ican Witch-Hunting," in his news-, *Dagens Nyheter*. "Nobody has d anti-Americanism and com- sm more than McCarthy," he wrote. uoted things which are terrifying to uropean friends of America: "The Department has under the Eisen- r government become the focus of igations. To test the staff of 11,000 ns—from ambassadors to secretaries) men are now working led by Scott ood, one of the foremost purgers e nation; according to the presiden- ecree of April 27, 1953, permission en to examine even the sexual be- r of the staff, their liquor consump- their nervous diseases . . . A study ese endless examinations gives a impression of the hopeless situation 'witnesses,' i.e., the accused, facing bitrariness which is scarcely checked e legal guarantees." Tingsten re- his readers of events in bygone when the American tradition of om was menaced in similar ways. menaces were warded off, and ten is optimistic even this time: traditional America, the America erty and humanity, is aware of the r and will win."

Tingsten also wrote that in general hurches criticize this hysteric anti- unism. Church leaders returning eden from the Evanston assembly, ishop Brilioth among them, tell us American church life shows increas- itality. It seems strange to us that -hunting can be so intense without being effectively checked. How can President Eisenhower, an active Protestant Christian, consent to it? Why cannot American Christians, who are in many ways giving us "dumb Swedes" good and humiliating examples, stop it?

In this country we think that freedom means freedom even for Communist ideas. In the elections held on Sept. 17 the Communists were one of the competing parties. It is the smallest party, but that it has some life was evident from a small increase of votes.

The largest party, the Social Democrats (Labor) kept its leading position, receiving about half of the votes. Its partner in the government, the Farmers, lost many votes however. Of the two parties in the opposition from the right, the Conservatives gained and the Liberals (People's party) lost, but the Liberals still have more votes than the Conservatives.

The elections concerned local and district councils, not parliament. It will have no direct effect on governmental policy.

Political speeches before the election mainly dealt with national problems, however, especially with taxes. The opposition parties said the taxes are too high. To illustrate the tax burden of Swedes, last year I paid 9,700 Swedish crowns in direct taxes on an income of about 25,000 Sw Cr., about 39 per cent. There are also many indirect taxes. The government said that these high taxes are necessary to keep our systems of social security: old age pensions, health insurance, help to mothers, and so forth. The opposition maintained that people would work more if they were allowed to keep more of their income, and so the national income would increase to the benefit of all.

—STEN RODHE

Holy Trinity Church, Lynchburg, Va., dedicated $255,000 building Sept. 29. M. F. Mauney is p

FLORIDA

Mission Staffer Covers 1,800 Miles In Five Days

By CHARLES F. STECK, JR.

TAMPA—Newest member of the staff of the Board of American Missions got Florida "sand in his shoes" for the first time a few weeks ago. Traveling by automobile and chauffeured by Synod President Royall A. Yount, Dr. Donald L. Houser covered 1,800 miles in five days. His itinerary took him from Jacksonville to Orlando, then back to the seaboard and south through Miami to Homestead, the ULCA's southernmost congregation, through the Everglades to the Gulf Coast and on to Tallahassee and Pensacola. He saw at first hand the work of synod's 13 organized missions, its four in process of development and its three fields approved but not yet occupied. At the end of his journey Dr. Houser commented, "Truly our church is on the march in Florida." And so was the doctor!

MORE THAN 100 Luther Leaguers, advisors and pastors attended a two-day retreat at Lake Kathryn, Sept. 11-12. This was a new venture for the youth of the Florida Synod. Speaker was Southern Seminary's professor of New Testament, Dr. Robert Paul Roth of Columbia, S. C. F study groups and workshops were ducted by President Royall A. Yount Pastors H. V. Kahlenberg, Trinity Chu St. Petersburg; Douglas F. Wessell, Ch of the Resurrection, Daytona Beach; F cis I. Fesperman, St. Andrew's Church Petersburg; Lynn Wilfred, Trinity Chr New Smyrna Beach; Robert Walker. veloper, Christ Mission, St. Petersburg; K. Nordsiek, St. Mark's Church, Jack ville; and J. A. Linn, Grace Church, I land. The Luther League of Trinity Chr St. Petersburg, was host.

At the September meeting the Boar American Missions approved for occup three strategic centers in this rapidly g ing state. Cities designated were Tallaha state capital; Sarasota, winter home of I ling Brothers' circus; and Pensacola, se one of the U.S. Navy's most impo bases. The synod, in co-operation wit board, is securing developers for these f When occupied they will bring to a tot nine the number of missions currently u development.

TRINITY CHURCH, New Smyrna B was prominently in the spotlight Sept The occasion was the organization o congregation, and dedication of its h chapel. Dr. Donald M. Houser pre

rmon and President Royall A. Yount
cted the service of organization. He
ssisted by Pastor Lynn Wilfred.
spotlight was shared by Northwest
n, St. Petersburg, when that congrega-
nder the leadership of Mission De-
r Robert R. Walker, held its first
. Sixty adults and 24 children were
t at the service held in a neighboring
school. The mission is sponsored by
Church, St. Petersburg.

OIS

orney Blames Parents Most Juvenile Crimes

By JOHN E. COOPERRIDER

CAGO — More than 375 Lutheran
and their guests heard John Gut-
, state's attorney of Cook County,
on "Parental Delinquency" at the an-
ary luncheon of the Lutheran Wom-
eague of Chicago and vicinity Oct. 9
ewater Beach Hotel.
former judge pinned much of the
for today's crime among juveniles on
s. "Juvenile crime today is due far
to psychological factors than it was
years ago. Then it was largely eco-

father who allows his 17-year-old
drive the car a mile to school while
l man walks to the station is inviting
boys to steal the nearest car they can
o they can take their girls for joy
oo," he said.
Gutknecht pointed out: "Everyone
to agree that the law is a good thing
someone else. It ought to be enforced
usly against all offenders—that is,
all except me and mine."
said that "while Chicago is sometimes
he worst city in the country for crime,
y in comparison to population, it has
st record of any U.S. city except
. And Boston," he added, "has 75
nt more policemen."
Lutheran Women's League grew out
Women's Religious Congress estab-
lished in 1893 as part of the Columbian Exposition held in Chicago. The League itself, formed in 1894, pioneered in inter-Lutheran co-operation. Today seven synodical groups are represented among its membership. Its major work since 1919 has been the support of the Children's Receiving Home in Maywood.

The Home has cared for over 650 children since it was established. Sister Caroline Williams, who brought it into existence, and Miss Mina Lichtner, superintendent for the past 25 years, were anniversary speakers.

THE RAINS CAME, but so did the Luther Leaguers. In spite of the worst rainstorm in 69 years (6.41 inches in all), the Chicago District Luther League held its largest fall rally in recent years Oct. 10. More than 375 young people crowded Calvary Church, Chicago.

President Ronald Glossop of the Luther League of Illinois fought his way up to Chicago through rain and flood from Carthage College, in order to lead the group in a panel discussion on various phases of the new Luther League program. Luther Leagues of Calvary Church and Edgebrook Church presented one-act skits.

PROF. GEORGE W. FORELL of the Department of Religion at the State University of Iowa gave the first series of lectures Oct. 12 in connection with the 1954-55 Passavant Lectureship sponsored by the Student Association of the Chicago Lutheran Seminary, Maywood. His theme was "The Gospel and Social Ethics."

Other lectures will be given in January and April by Prof. R. R. Caemmerer of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and Prof. Jerald C. Brauer of the Federated Theological Faculties, University of Chicago. Their themes will be "Craftsmanship in Preaching," and "Theocracy in American Protestantism and Politics."

SIXTH ANNUAL Reformation Festival, sponsored by the National Lutheran Council churches of the Chicago area, was held at the Medinah Auditorium in Chicago, Oct. 31. Speaker was Dr. S. C. Eastvold, president of Pacific Lutheran College.

PEOPLE

DR. J. H. REBLE, president of the Canada Synod from 1925-53, has been appointed chaplain to refugees for the Lutheran World Federation. He serves Lutheran emigrants at Bremen, Germany, where he arrived in July.

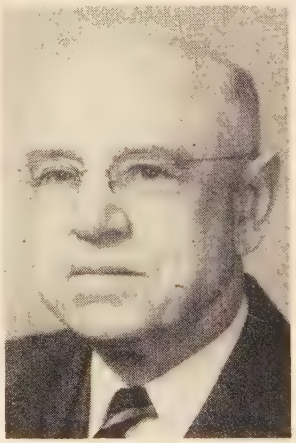
Because the majority of refugees now emigrating from Germany are going to Canada, it was important to secure the services of a Canadian pastor. Dr. Reble is especially well qualified, for he was born in Germany and still speaks the language.

In his new post he gives emigrants both pastoral care and advice on church life and other aspects of life in Canada.

A VETERAN of 41 years of teaching in ULCA-related colleges, Dr. Gilbert P. Voigt this year resigned his position as head of the department of English at Newberry College. His box score shows 21 years spent at Wittenberg College, two at Roanoke, one at Lenoir-Rhyne, 17 at Newberry. He also taught part-time at Hamma Divinity School.

A graduate of Newberry and the Southern Seminary he has served on the ULCA Board of Parish Education and is now a trustee of Southern Seminary.

Dr. Voigt has written several books related to church history. One of his most recent is *A. G. Voigt, Molder of Southern Lutheranism*, a book about his father, who



served for many years as the dean of Southern Seminary.

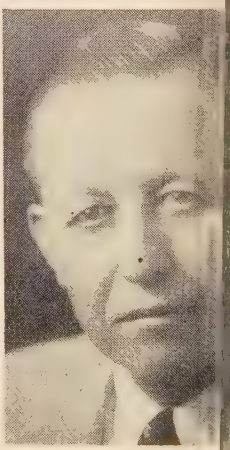
MRS. MARION E. WELLER retired July 1 after having served the Ministerium of Pennsylvania 43 years.

A native of Orwigsburg, Pa., she was first employed by the synod in 1911 as secretary to the treasurer of the Ministerium, Dr. Harvey A. Weller. In 1916 Dr. Weller became the first full-time president of the Ministerium and she continu his secretary. In 1921 were married.

Mrs. Weller was the lay person to be emp at the Muhlenberg Bu in Philadelphia. Foll the death of her hus she became secretary fo Board of Home Mis organizing the centra fice. In the last 13 ye her career, Mrs. W missed only two wo days. She now live Havertown, Pa.

IF FIRST CHURCH, Angeles, Calif., needs advice, it can turn to Clarence B. Runkle, of the Superior Cour Angeles County, an member. A past pre of the Los Angeles B sociation, he was re elected a director of t theran Hospital Soci Southern California.

At the annual gat of the Lutheran B Men's Club of So California, Judge acted as toastmaster.



nd's Bishop Ellis Gulin Outlines Ministry ng Industrial Laborers in His Diocese

By HERBERT A. BOSCH

FALO—Fifty pastors of assorted Lutheran varieties gathered at Holy Trinity Church Finnish Bishop Ellis G. Gulin. Describing his diocese as one which embraces the al heart of his country, Bishop Gulin related his experiences as he visits the parishes is care. Besides a conversation with the pastor and a session with church officers, place he seeks the opportunity to meet workers at the plants where they are em- Permission has always been granted. In this benevolent invasion the bishop has le to reduce opposition to the church on the part of labor leaders.

alks to laborers always sound a defi- hristian note. When the groups are o join in a closing hymn, the one chosen is the Finnish version of ul Savior."

xplained that Christian baptisms are ed in homes, even those of known nists, in an effort to bring a Christian to as many people as possible.

OP GULIN was part of a team of Council speakers, including Dr. and ajah Manikam of India, that con- more than a dozen meetings in Buf- ockport and Niagara Falls for an d 7,000 people.

TION of the Synod of New York and ngland, pastors and delegates from nity of Rochester and Buffalo met nize two new conferences. Under lership of President Frederick R. constitutions were adopted and of- ected.

rs of the Rochester Conference are v. Alfred L. Beck, Reformation president; the Rev. Louis G. Golder, ia Church, vice president; the Rev. Schaertel, Redeemer Church, sec- George Winfield, Transfiguration treasurer. Lay members of the ex- committee are Arthur Sadler, Con- Church, and William Yahn, Em- Church.

Buffalo Conference the following were named: the Rev. Ernest C. Resurrection Church, president; the onald M. Pichaske, St. Mark's Kenmore, vice president; the Rev. John L. Kinzel, St. Paul's Church, Eggertsville, secretary; Andrew W. Stohrer, Holy Trinity Church, treasurer. Lay members on the executive committee are Raymond E. Walther, St. John's Church, Gardenville, and Willard Herbold, Concordia Church.

The Brotherhood and the Women's Missionary Society conducted their final meetings as members of the larger group, in order to form the smaller groups. The women met Oct. 21 at Holy Trinity Church and the men, Oct. 23 in Resurrection Church, both in Buffalo.

The Luther League of the Western Conference conducted its fall week-end retreat at camp grounds near Dunkirk in September. Immediate plans included the fall rally Oct. 24 and the state-wide Unity Dinner Nov. 7.

MEMBERS OF St. John's Church, Hickory Street, honored the Rev. Martin J. Hoeppner on the 25th anniversary of his pastorate in September. John Steinhilber, chairman, presented a purse from the congregation.

Under Pastor Hoeppner's leadership the congregation has maintained a record of accessions without equal in local contemporary church life. Members have been received each month without interruption for 250 months. It is this evangelistic effort which has maintained St. John's as a large congregation in a neighborhood from which many of the members have moved.

The congregation has bought property on Main Street, one mile from Williamsville, and is remodeling a large home for use as a

WESTERN NEW YORK . . .

chapel. Sunday school and worship services will be held there as a branch of the parent congregation. Services of dedication were held Oct. 31.

Forty years were recalled by members of Our Savior's Church, Grant Street, the Rev. Emery S. Juhasz pastor, in a festival service and banquet. Dr. Ralph W. Loew of Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo, and the Rev. Paul Markovits of Pittsburgh preached. Andrew Dono, lay leader from First Hungarian Church, Cleveland, was toastmaster at the banquet. The Rev. Herbert A. Bosch, Elma, gave the principal address. Improvements made to the church building recently include new lighting, flooring and painting.

ULC PRESIDENT FRANKLIN CLARK FRY preached at Holy Trinity Church, Buffalo, Oct. 17, in the final observance of its 75th anniversary year.

Shirley Lohnes, a graduate of Waterloo College, began work at Christ Church, Buffalo, the Rev. J. M. Strodel pastor, Sept. 1.

ONTARIO

Waterloo College Has New $500,000 Building

By NORMAN BERNER

"WE NEED TO BALANCE the mind growth with the soul growth," Dr. Franklin Clark Fry advised the faculty and frien Waterloo College at the dedication institution's new arts and science bu Oct. 3. More than a thousand hea ULCA president's address, as well as ings from Dr. Gould Wickey of the Board of Education, and Dr. G. E of the University of Western Ontario. dent J. G. Hagey invited visitors to to well-equipped half-million-dollar stru

Three Canada Synod pastors were honorary degrees at a special convo on the day following the dedication. were Dr. Albert G. Jacobi, president synod; Dr. Carl R. Cronmiller, pr of the school's board of governors; a Leon Irschick, longtime missionary to

Enrollment at the college contir climb. Freshmen number 139, 19 o year. Total full-time registration is 2 61. Part-time enrollment also jumpe 56 to 72 students.

EVANSTON WAS BROUGHT to 50 and seminary students at Waterloo man who played a prominent part World Council Assembly, Bishop Nygren. Speaking on the assembly the bishop warned against "the evo hopes for the future that still live o ing them "the smaller hopes regard present world." "We do not yet kn result of the Christian hope," he "for hope that is seen is not hope."

High above worshipe the CBC camera wh vised the service Peter's Church, Otta ada, Sept. 26. Anoth era was atop a mo outside the front third at the end of ter aisle. Pastor A Conrad, far right lectern, reports at t visitors that day—a nical crew required the hour-long servic the first such pro originate in Ottaw

church councilors of the Kitchener-
d conference met in St. Mark's
Kitchener, on Sept. 19, they listened
for a home mission extension fund
d by the Rev. Norman Berner, di-
and Harry Greb, secretary-treasurer
und. They showed their interest by
heir bank balance, plus the day's
to the appeal.
g visitors to the synod this fall were:
s Lloyd Jacobsen and Clifton Weihe
evangelism institute in Kitchener,
; Parish Education's Joseph Inslee
ation-wagon tour of the congrega-
uffalo's Ralph Loew speaking to the
Aid rally at Fort Erie; Missionary
owlas and WMS President Mrs. John
addressing women of the district at
er.

'LVANIA

and Garage House
n Mission Church

By HENRY W. SNYDER, JR.

NTOWN—First mission to be estab-
52 years in the Easton area by the
vania Ministerium held initial serv-
. 17. The same day Pastor Samuel
dedicated temporary quarters for the
a two-story barn and garage reno-
men and women of the future con-
n. The property includes a 14-room
ge.
mation Rally in Allentown was held
orial Fieldhouse at Muhlenberg Col-
t. 31. Dr. Edward T. Horn, III,
phia, gave the address.
hem held its fourth annual Prot-
eformation Rally in Central Mora-
urch the same night, with the Rt.
J. Warneke, Bishop of Bethlehem,
g the sermon. Easton had a rally
n St. Luke's Church. Speaker was
en Staack of Allentown. Protestants
ampton had a service in St. Paul's
d Church. The Rev. Jansen A.
, president of the Berean Bible
Allentown, was speaker.

Dr. Levering Tyson, former president of Muhlenberg College, now chancellor of the Free Europe University, Strasbourg, France, was among 48 persons to receive honorary doctors' degrees from Columbia University at its final bicentennial convocation Oct. 31. Others who received degrees at the same

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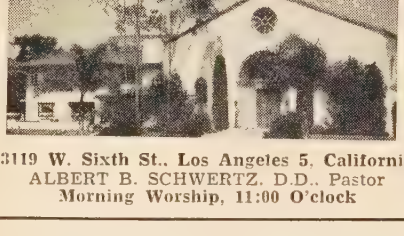

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MORE THAN 500 delegates attend annual convention of the Ministerium erhood in St. John's Church, Allentow 23. Delegates crowded the banquet hear Federal Civil Defense Directo Peterson, prominent Lutheran layma former governor of Nebraska.

Two weeks earlier 200 member wives of St. John's Brotherhood hea theran layman John Henry Leh desc recent trip to Africa.

Ninety-two Women's Missionary S of the Allentown Conference were sented at the convention Oct. 21 in St. Church, Allentown. Speakers were Dr M. Diehl, WMS executive secretary, a Rev. Ernest Flothmeier, missiona Liberia.

MORE THAN 300 attended the servic the Rev. Herbert Gernert was insta pastor of St. Paul's Church, Raubsvi first full-time pastor in the congre 67-year history. Pastor Gernert has s the pulpit at Raubsville more than

Dr. Charles M. Cooper, Ministerium dent, and Dr. Harvey Hoover, pr emeritus of Gettysburg Seminary preachers at the recent installation of Robert Schiebel in the Fogelsville Pastor Schiebel formerly served in A ville, Pa.

Two congregations in Bethlehe vicinity celebrated 50th anniversarie in October: Christ Church, Freema and St. Matthew's Church, Bethlehe Lutheran congregation of the Egypt Church recently observed its 195th

ROCKY MOUNTAIN

Eisenhower Replies To Lutheran Letter

By OLIVER F. WEAVER

DENVER—For 65 days this summe dent Eisenhower's White House was in Denver, Colo. His time was t with signing more than 500 bills, speech-making trips, fishing high Rockies, and golf. He also attended

Ministerial Association of National
in Council churches, the Rev. Alvon
president, sent the following letter
to President Eisenhower:

ive been instructed to convey to you
icere appreciation for the many in-
in which you have by word and
t a Christian example for the nation.
heartens us indeed to know that our
nt is a praying man, that he attends
regularly, and that his own high
code tends to permeate much of his
stration.

want you to know that we pray for
our churches every Sunday as well as
private devotions.

God grant you the wisdom and the
n needed for you to carry your heavy
"

ply came, dated Oct. 13:

My warm thanks to you and to mem-
of the Ministerial Association for
sentiment conveyed in your letter of
7. Your prayers and good wishes
much to strengthen and encourage.

Please express my warm and sincere
ks to those members of your associa-
who join with you in such a heart-
ning expression of confidence.

"Sincerely, DWIGHT EISENHOWER."

ER ANYTHING like it." "Par excel-
said the men who attended the first
retreat held in the Rocky Mountain
They gathered at Camp La Foret
olorado Springs.

ave us a chance to spell out spiritual
of life without being harried by busi-
oblems of synod," said one of the

Rev. Leeland C. Soker of Albuquer-
s chairman. Dr. H. Grady Davis of
Seminary led the discussions.

Rev. John R. Rupley, Jr., of North
Nebr., has assumed the pastorate of
Church, Boulder, Colo. He con-
his first service Oct. 17.

IA DEI CHURCH, Denver, the Rev.
A. David pastor, has a new idea.
ond Sunday each month is known as
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In the midst of fortieth anniversar tivities at Messiah Church, Denver question was asked, "What makes M tick?" Chairman of the committee, Jorgenson, replied, "There are three cipal reasons: 1) the grace of God, 2 lightened pastoral leadership, 3) an siastic, co-operative laity."

Pastor J. Benner Weaver's service C was televised over Channel 7, the *firs ular church service to be televised* in D

St. Paul's Church, Denver, observi 70th anniversary year had three gue October: Dr. Gould Wickey of the Board of Education spoke on "A Chur the Times." Dr. T. Benton Peery, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Wichita, addressed the Women of the Church.

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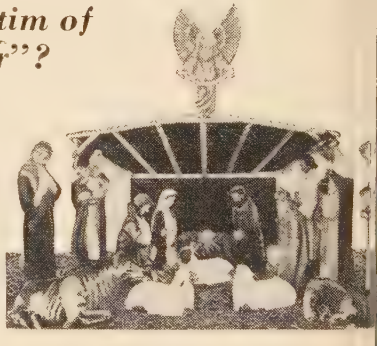

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REV. MARTINUS E. SILSETH has the staff of Lutheran Welfare il of New York as director of pub- ations. He succeeds the Rev. Wil- . Dudde who has joined the faculty lop Christian College, India. Mr. was recently released from the Army chaplaincy service in Japan. that he worked with the Lutheran e Society of Minnesota.

EW WORD, "geriatrics," is the con- f the Lutheran Welfare League of l Ohio together with the Ohio s committee on social missions. eans caring for the special prob- f aging people: finances, housing, ess, insecurity, what to do with time. Four institutes were held o during the last week in Septem- study the matter. Dean E. E. Flack nma Divinity School directed the ops.

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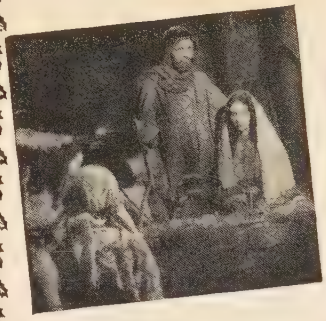

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duate School Opens Southern Seminary

By WYNNE C. BOLIEK

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v eight-unit apartment building for d students is being occupied for the me. This addition increases the capital ment at the institution to more than 00.

Board of Trustees of the seminary vited Dr. A. Kenneth Hewitt, Colum- assist President John L. Yost in fund . About $77,000 is needed to pay all ions.

ns are under way to celebrate the 125th rsary of the seminary Sept. 25, 1955.

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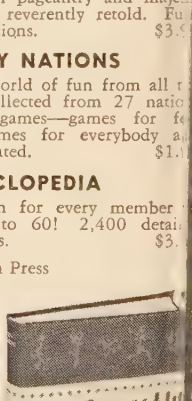

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ceived a total of 115 members in a of seven and a half months. The membership is engaged in evangelism. Rev. Clyde Bedenbaugh has received nce in his work at Remount-Hanahan n, North Charleston. The Board of can Missions sent Miss Rea Tent- as parish worker.

——DECEASED——

Rev. William Haskell Hiller

Rev. William H. Hiller, 86, died Oct. oldsboro, N. C. He had been retired 932.

or Hiller was born in Lexington y, S. C., in 1868. He attended New- College. He graduated from South- minary in 1898 and was ordained the ear by the Synod of Georgia.

903 he was married to Addie Patter- Concord, N. C. Children are Mary ine and William H., Jr.

or Hiller held pastorates in four In South Carolina he served Grace n, Prosperity; St. Mark's, Blythewood; phen's, Lexington; in Georgia, Botts- arish. In North Carolina he served mes' Church, Concord; St. John's, us; St. Luke's, Pilgrim. In Florida ved Holy Trinity and St. John's es, Jacksonville; Memorial, St. Augus- He organized and was first president Florida Conference.

neral service was conducted at St. Church, Concord, Oct. 5 by Pastor M. Yoder and Dr. Jacob L. Morgan. ent was in Concord Cemetery.

Rev. Ellerslie A. Lebo

Rev. Ellerslie A. Lebo died Oct. 26, . He had been graduated from Muh- College in 1925, was principal of atz, Pa., schools one year, and grad- from the Philadelphia Seminary in eing ordained that year by the Min- n of Pennsylvania. From 1929 to e was pastor of the Pleasantville- Point parish in New Jersey, retiring

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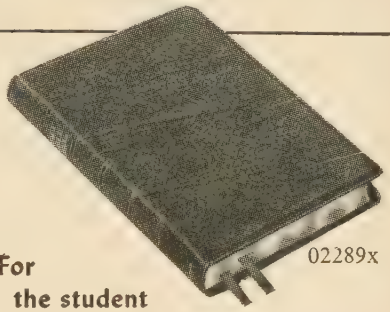

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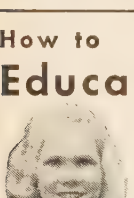

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for three years thereafter because o health. In 1936 until his death he was tor of St. Paul's Church, Millersville, P

He was for some years a member o Good Shepherd Home board and al member of the consulting committee o ULCA's Department of Architecture. served as architectural consultant and signer for more than 40 churches in P sylvania and New Jersey.

Pastor Lebo was married to Margare Simon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burto Simon of Philadelphia. He is survive his wife and their twin daughter and Mrs. Samuel H. Dyke and Burton C. L a brother, Dr. A. A. Lebo of Neffsville three sisters.

Service was held Oct. 30 in St. E Church, Millersville, with President D F. Putman of the Central Pennsyl Synod, Dr. Carl C. Rasmussen, and Henry H. Bagger participating. Inter was in St. Simeon's Cemetery, Gratz,

Dr. Erwin S. Spees

Dr. Erwin S. Spees was on his w an advisory council meeting of Camp wakwa in Harrisburg on Oct. 30, wh collapsed in a Philadelphia subway course and died before aid could arriv

Dr. Spees was born in Wapakoneta, in 1900. A graduate of Wittenberg C and Hamma Divinity School, he serv first pastorate at Bethany Church, T Later he was pastor of Norwood C Cincinnati. He served seven years rector of the Ohio Lutheran Synod's camp.

Dr. Spees joined the staff of the Board of Parish Education in 1940. S at first as secretary of the youth di he took charge of the leadership edu program in 1946. He was active in th ership section of the Division of Ch Education, National Council of Churc

Dr. Spees, who is survived by hi Leonore, was buried in his Ohio hom A funeral service was held Nov. 1 at Church in Germantown, Philadelphi Edward T. Horn, III, Dr. John W. and Dr. S. White Rhyne officiated.

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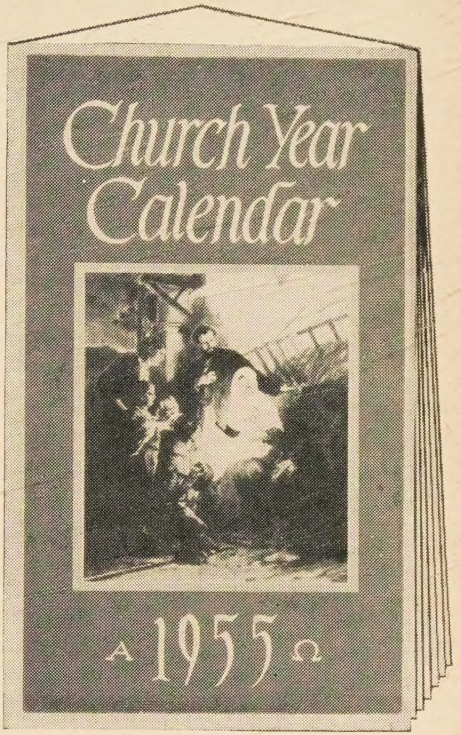

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In conclusion . . . . . .

If sixteen people go to Afghanistan, and each travels around the country by himself, they would probably come home with sixteen widely differing opinions about what they have seen there. The same is true of people who travel backward and forward through the Bible. Readers of Scripture reach startlingly different conclusions about what the Bible teaches.

No doubt this is why Roman Catholics insist there must be an infallible church to tell them what to believe. There was an important book published in the U.S. this year, *The Legacy of Luther,* a translation of part of a German book by a Roman Catholic scholar, Ernst Zeeden. He thinks Protestantism will eventually destroy itself because of "what happens when Bible interpretation becomes a matter of private judgment, with no given standards to guide it."

We Lutherans don't believe we are entirely on our own, without any guidance, in our search for Christian truth. The Holy Spirit "has called me through the Gospel," says Luther's Catechism, "enlightened me by His gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in the true faith." In the church we are confronted by God's Word, which produces the miracle of faith in us.

But there are some of us who don't understand what this means. Either we accept what our pastor tells us—as a Roman Catholic would—or we try to patch together some ideas of our own. Neither of these is a satisfactory substitute for the real thing, which is to lay ourselves wide open to the Word of God, and let God teach us his truth.

Roman Catholics are in more serious danger of going astray than we, because their church's confidence in its infal ity leads it away from the Scriptur the meeting-place with God's truth. result is the rapidly developing here Mary-worship. The Roman Cat Church is in serious danger of beco unrecognizable as a Christian munion.

We'd better not be so complacent a Roman Catholic dangers as not to r nize our own. Our danger is in faili understand that each day we must ready to let God speak to us. We worship, listen to sermons, read the for a purpose—to let God's Word i

If God really speaks to us thr his Word, why should the numerou rieties of Protestants have such diff opinions about Christian truth? It cause each of our churches has acc lated a certain amount of tradition own, which stands as a blockade a God's Word. When people of the v churches meet together, recog Scripture as superior to all their tions, seeking a fresh illumination vine truth, extraordinary results f

There was something of that s Evanston at the World Council asse Some churches represented there not fully alive to the authority of ture as God's Word. Others were he in by deep-lying traditions which become a substitute for Scripture there was eagerness to hear God and there was progress toward the which comes when God's Word is

It's quite an adventure to be a estant—the biggest adventure ther be. Our daily lives consist of enco with the living God. If we get to for that, we might as well be R Catholics. —ELSON F

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